



Donald Swafford

January 12, 1949 - July 24, 2025

Donald Swafford 76 of Bourbonnais passed away at his home on 7/24/25.

Don was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee on 1/12/49 to Earl Swafford and Ruth (Webb) Swafford. Don was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the Navy from April 68' - April 72'. Don retired from Shapiro Development Center where he worked as a mental health technician. Don enjoyed fishing, astronomy, cooking, and the outdoor ministry at his church. Don attended Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Don is survived by his wife Charlene (Swanson) Swafford whom he married in Milwaukee, WI on 8/22/70. Don has three sons. Chris Swafford of Bourbonnais, Tony Swafford of Bradley, and Jon Swafford and spouse Annie Swafford of Denver, CO. Don has two grandchildren Aly Swafford and Eli Swafford. Other survivors include brother in law Ronald Swanson and wife Linda Swanson of Springfield, MO; Niece Jennifer Villa, husband Eliab Villa, and children of Springfield, MO; and Niece Kristen Boles and spouse Justin Boles of Bismark, ND.

Visitation is Friday August 1st at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene from 10:00-11:30 w/ a service to follow. The service will be officiated by Pastor Cindi Schimmelpfennig.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene
1000 N. Entrance Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed having Don in the same SS class that Tom Cooke led! It was fun bantering back and forth with him! I will miss him!

Marti. Glade - July 30, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Michelle&Patrick Stiles purchased the Sympathy Meat & Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Donald Swafford.



Michelle&Patrick Stiles - July 30, 2025 at 05:47 PM